GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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TOURIST CIRCUITS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Tourist Circuits established/proposed to be established in the country, State-wise;

(b) the financial assistance provided for the development of these circuits, circuit-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken for the development of these tourist circuits?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations has identified 21 Travel Circuits in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Orissa, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.
(b) and (c) : The States have the primary role in the development of tourist infrastructure at the places of tourist interest including travel circuits. However, Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations every year for specific proposals identified in consultation with them. Financial assistance sanctioned for prioritised projects/schemes for these states including the places covered in the circuit is as given below: -

(Rs. in lakhs)

1997-98	2932.92
1998-99	5522.55
1999-2000	6824.51